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Unemployment Rate Down in All Metro Areas

Jobs up in Eleven Metros

Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	June 2019	June 2018	Over-the- Year Change
Bloomington	3.7%	4.7%	-1.0
Carbondale-Marion	4.0%	5.4%	-1.4
Champaign-Urbana	3.8%	5.0%	-1.2
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	4.1%	4.4%	-0.3
Danville	4.7%	6.4%	-1.7
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	3.8%	4.2%	-0.4
Decatur	5.0%	6.0%	-1.0
Elgin	3.8%	4.9%	-1.1
Kankakee	4.3%	5.4%	-1.1
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	3.6%	4.4%	-0.8
Peoria	4.1%	5.3%	-1.2
Rockford	5.3%	5.5%	-0.2
Springfield	3.6%	4.5%	-0.9
St. Louis (IL-Section)	3.9%	5.0%	-1.1
Illinois Statewide	4.0%	4.7%	-0.7
* Data subject to revision.			

CHICAGO— Unemployment rates decreased over-the-year in June in all fourteen Illinois metropolitan areas, according to preliminary data released today by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES). Data also show the number of nonfarm jobs increased in eleven Illinois metropolitan areas and decreased in three.

"Job growth is reaching all corners of Illinois and this administration is acting boldly to build upon that momentum," said Deputy Governor Dan Hynes. "On the strength of a bipartisan budget and capital bill, Illinois is once again investing in its roads, bridges, and universities to create an economy that supports working families."

Illinois businesses added jobs in eleven metro areas, with the largest percentage increases in: Carbondale-Marion (+2.9%, +1,600), Lake-Kenosha (+2.6%, +11,200), and Peoria (+2.3%, +4,000). The Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights metro

division was up (+63,500 or +1.7%). The metro areas showing over-the-year decreases in total nonfarm jobs were Danville (-1.1%, -300), the Illinois section of St. Louis MSA (-0.7%, -1,600), and Kankakee (-0.2%, -100).

The industry sectors recording job growth in the majority of metro areas included Professional and Business Services (11 of 14), Leisure and Hospitality (10 of 14), Mining and Construction (9 of 14), Manufacturing (8 of 14), Education and Health Services (8 of 14), and Government (8 of 14).

Not seasonally adjusted data compares June 2019 with June 2018. The not seasonally adjusted Illinois rate was 4.0 percent in June 2019 and stood at 12.2 percent at its peak in this economic cycle in January 2010. Nationally, the not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 3.8 percent in June 2019 and 10.6 percent in January 2010 at its peak. The unemployment rate identifies those who are out of work and looking for work and is not tied to collecting unemployment insurance benefits.

Total Nonfarm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) - June 2019

Metropolitan Area	June 2019*	June 2018**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	91,000	90,500	500
Carbondale-Marion MSA	57,000	55,400	1,600
Champaign-Urbana MSA	109,300	107,200	2,100
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,881,500	3,818,000	63,500
Danville MSA	27,600	27,900	-300
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	191,500	188,700	2,800
Decatur MSA	52,700	52,100	600
Elgin Metro Division	270,500	264,800	5,700
Kankakee MSA	46,300	46,400	-100
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	441,800	430,600	11,200
Peoria MSA	179,500	175,500	4,000
Rockford MSA	155,600	154,800	800
Springfield MSA	116,700	115,100	1,600
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	240,300	241,900	-1,600
Illinois Statewide	6,265,800	6,171,100	94,700
*Preliminary **Revised			

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Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates (percent) for Local Counties and Areas

Labor Market Area	June 2019	June 2018	Over-the- Year Change			
Chicago-Naperville- Elgin IL-IN-WI MSA	4.0%	4.5%	-0.5			
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights, IL Metro Division						
Cook County	4.2%	4.6%	-0.4			
DuPage County	3.3%	3.6%	-0.3			
Grundy County	4.8%	5.1%	-0.3			
Kendall County	3.8%	4.1%	-0.3			
McHenry County	3.6%	3.8%	-0.2			
Will County	4.2%	4.6%	-0.4			
Elgin, IL Metro Division						
DeKalb County	3.8%	4.5%	-0.7			
Kane County	3.8%	5.0%	-1.2			
Lake & Kenosha Counties, IL-WI Metro Division						
Lake County	3.5%	4.5%	-1.0			
Cities (with total population of at least 100,000) *						
Aurora City	4.0%	4.9%	-0.9			
Chicago City	4.4%	4.8%	-0.4			
Elgin City	3.9%	4.7%	-0.8			
Joliet City	5.2%	5.5%	-0.3			
Naperville City	3.4%	3.7%	-0.3			

^{*} Unemployment rates for cities with total population of 25,000 or more can be found at www.ides.illinois.gov/LMI/Pages/Current_Monthly_Unemployment_Rates.aspx

Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights, IL Metro Division

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 4.1 percent in June 2019 from 4.4 percent in June 2018. The June 2019 unemployment rate is the lowest June unemployment rate on record.

Total nonfarm employment increased +63,500 compared to June 2018. Educational-Health Services (+17,600), Leisure-Hospitality (+15,300), Professional-Business Services (+15,100), and Transportation-Warehousing-Utilities (+11,700) sectors reported the largest payroll gains. The Retail Trade (-5,700) and Information (-3,000) sectors recorded the largest employment declines compared to one year ago.

Elgin, IL Metro Division

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 3.8 percent in June 2019 from 4.9 percent in June 2018. The last time the June rate was equal to or lower was in 1999 when it was 3.7 percent.

Total nonfarm employment increased +5,700 compared to June 2018. The Government (+1,600), Professional-Business Services (+1,000), and Construction (+1,000) sectors reported the largest payroll gains. The Retail Trade (-600) sector recorded employment declines compared to one year ago.

Lake & Kenosha Counties, IL-WI Metro Division

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 3.6 percent in June 2019 from 4.4 percent in June 2018. The last time the June rate was equal to or lower was in 2000 when it was 3.5 percent.

Total nonfarm employment increased +11,200 compared to June 2018. Professional-Business Services (+6,900), Manufacturing (+1,600), Construction (+900), and Leisure-Hospitality (+600) sectors reported the largest payroll gains. The Transportation-Warehousing-Utilities (-600) and Financial Activities (-200) sectors recorded the largest employment decline compared to one year ago.

Note: Monthly 2018 unemployment rates and total nonfarm jobs for Illinois metro areas were revised in February and March 2019, as required by the U.S. BLS. Comments and tables distributed for prior metro area news releases should be discarded as any records or historical analysis previously cited may no longer be valid.